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Hi Alysia, I hope your summer is going well!

I wanted to let you know that North Dakota is planning to send its draft WQS out for public comment in a week or two. I asked the WQS coordinator to send me a copy in advance so thought I'd send it to you if you'd like to check it out.

They're revising criteria for ammonia(!) and selenium which I'm looking at now, and I have concerns/questions about the criteria revisions in Table 2 (p. 16). The state proposes to revise its hardness-dependent criteria from 100 mg/L to 400 mg/L (they say to be more representative with state's water hardness - don't know yet how that was assessed) and my concern is that it significantly increased the acute and chronic criteria for cadmium, chromium III & VI, copper, lead, nickel, silver, and zinc. I'm going to talk to my team about this issue.

If there's anything you have concerns about please let me know. This is still the draft, pre-public comment version so there is lots of time. You can put this on the bottom of your pile...

Thanks - have a great day!

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